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Mr. Scott B. Totten, Interim Director
Water Pollution Control Program
Water Protection and Soil Conservation Division
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176

Dear Mr. Totten:

RE: Approval of seven TMDLs for chlordane in Lake St. Louis, Creve Coeur Lake, Blue River, and Pleasant Hill Lake, pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act

Thank you for the seven final TMDLs for water bodies appearing on Missouri's approved 1998 Section 303(d) list with chlordane as the pollutant. The water bodies, Missouri's water body ID numbers (WBID), and the submittal dates are Lake St. Louis, WBID 7054 (one TMDL), September 11, 2001; Creve Couer Lake, WBID 7255 (one TMDL), September 11, 2001; Blue River, WBIDs 417, 418, 419, and 421 (four TMDLs), September 11, 2001 ; and, Pleasant Hill Lake, WBID 7211 (one TMDL), September 20, 2001. We have completed our review of the seven TMDLs submitted by your office and in accordance with Section 303(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act. We approve all aspects of these TMDLs.

Enclosed are the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 Decision Documents, which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of these TMDLs. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed documents adequately address the chlordane pollutant, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding these TMDLs. While EPA is approving these TMDLs at the present time, EPA may decide that changes to the TMDLs are warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

EPA appreciates the effort that Missouri has put forth in the development of these TMDLs. EPA will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Missouri to develop the remaining TMDLs on the current Missouri Section 303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Houlton" or similar, written over the printed name "U. Gale Hutton".

U. Gale Hutton
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticide Division

Enclosures

cc: Sharon Clifford, MO Dept. of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO